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BULLETIN OF GAME BIRD DISEASES IS PUBLISHED

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A "doctor book" listing the diseases that attack upland game birds and methods for their prevention and control has been published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for the use of game managers and others interested in the conservation and management of these birds. It is a new Farmers' Bulletin 1781, entitled "Diseases of Upland Game Birds."

Prepared by Dr. J. E. Shillinger and Dr. L. C. Morley, of the Biological Survey, the bulletin points out that on many game farms large numbers of birds are held in close contact, and when a disease outbreak occurs heavy losses often result before control measures can be applied. Most of the destructive diseases, however, are due to infectious organisms. These can be eliminated to a large extent by frequently removing accumulations of droppings, of uneaten food, of decaying litter, and other material in which these organisms thrive. Digging up earthen runs so as to aerate and dry the topsoil destroys many disease producing organisms, as does also the practice of allowing pens, coops, and brooders to remain idle for long periods.

To help game managers and others identify diseases and apply proper control methods the bulletin describes the symptoms of the bacterial and filtrable-virus, fungous, and nutritional diseases that attack the birds. Methods of controlling internal and external parasites that produce diseases or affect the health of birds are also explained.

Copies of Farmers' Bulletin 1781, "Diseases of Upland Game Birds", may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C. at 5 cents each.

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